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Shoppers Drug Mart Makes Move to Haliburton Axis Pharmacy Changeover Effective January 23

Story By Terrance Gavan
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Aimee Mansfield wants to make one thing crystal clear.

Shoppers Drug Mart has bought the rights and will assume operation of the old Axis Pharmacy premises located on Highway 118 in Haliburton, *but* longtime customers needn't worry about any grand upheavals.

"The signs will change on Tuesday night (Jan 22) but everything else will stay the

same," says Mansfield who has been the lead pharmacist at the old Axis Pharmacy, located adjacent to Village Donuts, for the past five years.

Mansfield will take over as the franchise owner of the new Shoppers Drug Mart.

She assumes those new duties on Wednesday as well.

Drug Mart organization.

As rumors about the takeover spread last week there was some concern expressed by some old and valued clients that this move

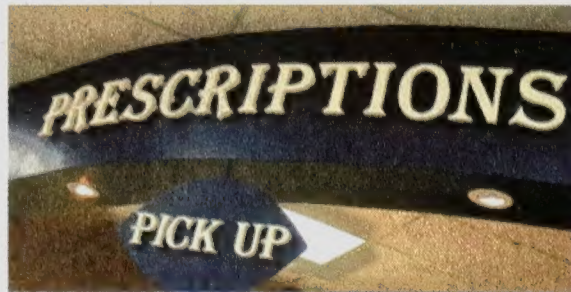
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five years," says Mansfield, who says that for the nonce she will be listed as an Associate Owner of the new franchise. She will be paid a salary by the Shoppers

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may mean a move to another location or a change in staffing and policy.

"Right now they are renting this space from Amin (Shivji) who still owns the whole building," explains Mansfield. The building also houses the aforementioned Village Donuts along with several business offices on the second level.

"And right now, we'd like to assure everyone that there are no plans for a move to another location," explains Mansfield.

"On Wednesday it will be status quo and business as usual," smiles Mansfield. "The signs on the outside of the building will be different but all of our staff will still be here."

The existing Gift Shop, which has been a part of the old Axis Pharmacy, will gradually be phased out to free up space for Shoppers product lines.

"The Gift Shop is going and they're having a closeout sale right now and that area will eventually be occupied by a larger cosmetics section," says Mansfield.

"Our customers will be pleased to know that all of our staff will be staying on and Amin (Amin Shivji, the former Axis Pharmacy owner) has even told us that he will be available in the busy summer months to fill in when needed."

Mansfield says that Shivji, who has been heavily occupied with the Axis chain in Ontario will be staying in the pharmacy business, but has opted to become more involved in consultative work with Ontario Pharmacies.

Axis is a small pharmacy franchise chain with about 30 stores listed on their Ontario website.

She says that the dispensing end of her workload will remain the same. "It will be business as usual at the pharmacy counter. I'll still be here as the head pharmacist and our assistant pharmacist Nada Hunt will be here as well."

Other changes will include a switch to Shoppers Drug Mart brand lines.

"Shoppers will begin to supply us with their signature Life brand products, but aside from that most of our customers will see no significant change."



Asked if Shoppers would consider a future move to a box store concept in another Haliburton location, Mansfield said that remains a non-starter for now.

"Well, they may in the future decide to enlarge the store or move to another location, but for now it's going to remain just as it is," says Mansfield.

"The biggest change will be in the front of the store as we make the changeover from the Gift Shop to the enlarged Cosmetic Section. In a way it's sad to lose the gift shop, but it will free up a lot of space in that area of the store."

She added that Shoppers do send in advisors to help with the initial setup and changeover. They will assist in the shelving setup and product placement.

Mansfield says that many of the changes will be of the subtle variety and will occur over the course of the next two to three months.

"Many of our customers come here because they are comfortable with our service and our location," says Mansfield. "We want to assure all of our clientele that we're going to strive to keep that small town atmosphere." To reach Shoppers call 457-5020.

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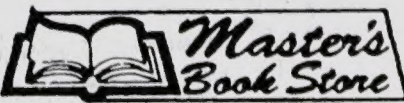
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Hey, Jamaica Got a Dogsled Team

Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby Has Some Special Guests Competing This Year...

By Terrance Gavan

Jamaican entrepreneur Danny Melville was tooling around a fabrication shop in Edmonton a few years back, looking for a dune buggy to fill a niche in his burgeoning tour business when he stumbled over a weird contraption.

Nothing more than a triangular frame with wheels.

Now Melville knows a little sumthin', sumthin' about serendipitous encounters and he asked the obliging owners what it was.

They told him that it was a dryland tricycle, used as a summer training tool for mushing dogs.

And the wheels immediately started turning, both literally and figuratively, for Melville, who operates Chukka Caribbean Adventures, a pan-Caribbean concern, specializing in tourist-centered novelty tours.

That afternoon, Melville left the Edmonton shop armed with a brief history of dog sledding and the name of renowned dogsled trainer and coach, Alan Stewart of Aviemore, Scotland.

The rest as they say is history.

It's a story that has been told in numerous newspaper and magazine reports and was even immortalized in the documentary movie *Sun Dogs*, which has done for Jamaican dogsledding what *Cool Runnings* and John Candy did for Jamaican bobsledding.

Namely, turn the whole thing into a worldwide phenomenon.

Briefly, the affable and soft-spoken Melville returned home from the Canadian prairies, and enlisted Jamaica's answer to Dr. Doolittle, Devon Anderson, to head up the first Jamaican dogsled team. The plan was to field the team with dogs culled from the Jamaica Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (JSPCA).

Devon Anderson



The *Cool Sledding* website paints a succinct portrait of the iconic Anderson.

"Meet Jamaica's first musher, Devon Anderson. He is the sweetest most gentle and caring person you will ever meet... BUT... Devon had never seen snow or a dogsled team. *No Problem Mon!* Devon has a very special gift. He has the ability to communicate with animals... really!

"Before he knew what hit him, Devon was bundled up with winter clothes and was on his way to Scotland to start training under Alan. Alan Stewart couldn't believe it. Devon was amazing, a natural. The dogs would do absolutely anything for him," relays the affable webmaster of the Jamaican dogsled website.

The training over, it was back to Jamaica where Stewart and Minnesota dogsled trainer Rick Johnson showed up in shorts and flip-flops to help Devon with the

arduous task of picking a team.

And here the website historian paints yet another vivid picture.

"They found themselves up to their elbows in spirited island mutts, most from the Jamaican SPCA. We're not talkin' Huskies here, we're talkin' real mutts; mutts that are so uncontrollably happy to be fed, patted and loved that they are just as likely to pee on the feet of anyone with a kind word as they are to give them a big lick."

And really, the worm turns right here, on a broad canvas.

Because, in spite of the cutesy irreverence and the novelty angle, this is really a story about reclamation and changing mores.

A tale of tails and how Danny Melville and Devon Anderson used their separate gifts to shed light on the disturbing problem of

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stray and abused dogs and how love and compassion can restore vigor and inculcate a respect for the sanctity of life on a broad spectrum.

Many of the team dogs now running for love were once orphaned on the streets of Montego Bay or in rural Jamaica. A good many of them were abused, hungry and unloved. Many had developed aggressive tendencies as a result of neglect or abuse. Many of them would surely be dead today were it not for Devon Anderson and the quirky nature of Melville's lovely, warm Jamaican soul.



Melville succinctly outlined his vision for this initiative in the movie *Sun Dogs*.

"My vision rested on several points," says Melville. "First we wanted to create a self-sustaining tour business; and we wanted to race... And we wanted to bring this sport to the people... we are new to dogsledding and we

aren't changing the sport... we're only 'Jamaicanizing' the sport."

And of course, while you're trying to Jamaicanize a sport, which was forged through arduous necessity on the frozen tundra, it doesn't hurt to enlist the support and sponsorship of a renowned and equally quirky musician and entertainer.

Enter Jimmy Buffett and his Margaritaville business empire.

Two years ago Jimmy was down in Montego Bay and was sharing an Appleton and Ting with Danny Melville at a local establishment.

Danny Melville knows a little sumthin', sumthin' about serendipity. But we knew that already.

And so Danny lays a little riff on Jimmy about how he's operating dogsled tours with his Sun Dogs as part of his Chukka Island Tours.

Now Jimmy knows a thing or two about riffs and he liked this particular lick that his friend Danny was laying down.

"Now I didn't know anything about dogsledding," Buffett explains in the movie. "But, it sure sounded like fun... and then when I heard about the dogs, well... I decided that I wanted to get involved."

Shortly after their ad hoc meeting, Jimmy threw in with Melville. When quirky meets quirky strange things happen. Jimmy's Margaritaville empire is now the major sponsor of the Sun Dogs.

The movie formed a final piece of the puzzle. It's directed by Canadian Andrea Stewart and is an excellent slice of documentary work from the fertile mind of Producer Chris Blackwell.

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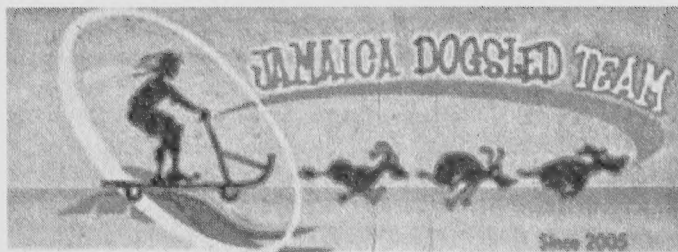
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But of course no story about the fabulous Sun Dogs would be complete without the input from Jamaica's indefatigable and irrepressible Dr Doolittle.

Devon Anderson's broad smile and his obvious affection for all of the Sun Dogs is perhaps one of the most captivating parts of the whole story. He is magic with animals.

And his love, wide smile and grasp of life is infectious.

"This is the best job I have ever had," says Devon.

"Everybody we meet has a comment to make... and usually it's a smile and a laugh... for me... anytime I'm runnin', I'm smilin'."

Speaking of nice riffs and cool licks.

We could all learn a little about life from Devon Anderson.

Come out and meet the Sun Dogs

And so, if you get a chance haul yourself off the couch and come out and watch the Jamaicans run in the Seventh Annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby on January 26-27.

It's being held at the Delta Pinestone resort and organizers Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin of Winterdance Dogsled Tours are hoping for a repeat of last year's record-setting attendance.



Jamaican Dogs vs North American Dogs ... A Special Highlight To This Year's Annual Dog Sled Derby

If you have never watched a dogsled race it is definitely a sight to behold & hear! With the dogs lunging, howling & barking to get the races started, flying out of the start gate

at speeds reaching up to 30km/hr & racing for the richest purse in Ont., there is lots of action going on. And there's also a lot of hype about the new entrance of the Jamaican Dogsled Team this year. (See article on that in this issue of The Communicator.) This year is going to be amazing fun for all who participate and attend!

Your chance to watch such a race is taking place January 26 - 27 right here in Haliburton County at the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton.

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This year marks the 7th Annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby. Races will be going on all day Saturday and Sunday with teams going out at 2 minute intervals, so you don't need to worry about missing them! The most popular race every year is the Kid & mutt race, and also unique to watch is the Skijoring class, with musher's on cross country skis, being pulled by 1 or 2 dogs. The large 8 dog race class also offers lots of excitement. Several of the sharp turns that people were concerned about last year have been straightened out.

The races are free for spectators to attend, and there are several vantage points for watching the action, both at the start/finish and out on the trail. Programs will be available at the races. Note: please leave pet dogs at home as they can distract the racing teams!

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Area Residents Have Plenty of Ways to Get Moving During the Winter Months

Don't chill out...winter is a great time to get active, whatever the weather!

WinterActive is the name of a cross-Canada campaign that started mid January and running through the end of February. For local residents, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit notes there are many opportunities to get into the spirit of WinterActive and 'get up, go out.'

"Rather than hibernate, the cold weather months are a great time to mix winter fun and physical activity for the entire family," says Sue Shikaze, a Health Promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

Traditional winter activities such as skating, building a snowman and skiing are fun for everyone, but should be done with an eye to safety.

According to Shikaze, people can also get creative in their winter pursuits by playing snow pitch (slo-pitch in the snow), organizing a winter treasure hunt or making up a home-made version of winter golf.

The Health Unit has a free Get WinterActive Guide that provides fun-filled ideas, games and activities to get everyone

moving together, with or without the snow. The Guide is available at www.hkpr.on.ca under the 'What's New' section or calling the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

In Haliburton County, there are other ways to get WinterActive over the next few weeks:

• **Winterfest Minden** comes to town from February 16 to 18 at the Minden Community Centre. Activities for all ages take place through the weekend, including a 'sno-pitch' tourney, Frisbee golf, mini golf, outdoor skating, tobogganing and more. Call Rick Cox at (705) 286-1260 for full details.

A Full Moon Labyrinth Walk takes place on Thursday, February 21, from 7:30-9 pm at the Rails End Gallery (located at 23 York St., on the edge of Head Lake Park) in Haliburton Village. People can come and walk a snow labyrinth under the full moon. Two days later on February 23 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm, Rails End Gallery will hold a free workshop on how to build a snow labyrinth.

On February 15-16, come out to the annual **Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival**. Join in various winter activities, including skating, broomball, tobogganing, dog sledding and fun games. For more information, visit www.dorsetsnowball.com or call (705) 766-9968.

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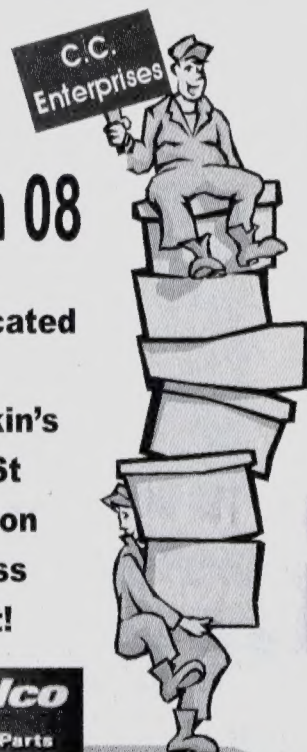
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Hey! That's My Bike!

A cyclist in Lincoln, England, parked a stolen bike outside the shop where its rightful owner worked, a court heard.

The thief, identified as 25-year-old Christopher Paul Stafford, parked the red and silver bike, worth £450 (about US\$880.80), outside the city's One-Stop shop.

It was spotted by the cashier, from whom the bike had been stolen four or five days earlier, Lincoln Magistrates Court was told.

"He took the bike into his possession. Stafford decided not to leave. Police were called and he was arrested at the scene," said Prosecutor Jim Clare.

Stafford, of St. Andrew's Street, confessed to handling stolen goods on January 11.

His defense attorney, Tony Cunningham, said that he had a number of behavioral problems, affected by his drug use.

Magistrates sentenced Stafford to a day in custody, deemed served.

Man Records Himself Using Stolen Taser, Posts Video on YouTube

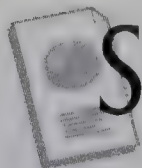
Authorities in Waukesha, Wisconsin, say that a man suspected of stealing a Taser from a police officer posted a video of himself using the weapon on the video-sharing website YouTube.

Police there accuse the unidentified 22-year-old man of stealing the Taser from an East Troy police officer while the man was warming himself inside a police car, after his own car had gotten stuck in a ditch, according to the January 17 issue of The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, a newspaper there.

According to police, the man posted the video after the New Year's Day theft, in which the suspect and his father could be seen using the non-lethal weapon on each other.

East Troy Police Chief Alan Boyes says that the Taser was noticed missing shortly after the theft. The YouTube video, which has been removed from the site, came to their attention a day or two later.

Waukesha County Sheriff's Detective Steve Pederson said that the suspect was in custody on unrelated charges.



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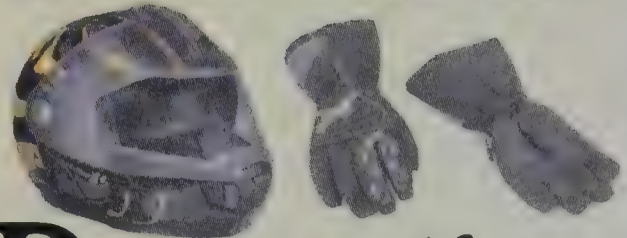
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The Bridge Youth Center in Haliburton McMahon Finds His Niche In Victoria Street School



By Terrance Gavan

There's only one word on the blackboard at The Bridge Youth Center on this Friday night.

In large capital letters the simple disclaimer: "RESPECT."

"We didn't want to put a lot of rules up on the board," explains Jamie McMahon, who organizes the drop-in center as part of his duties as Satellite Director for Youth Unlimited here in the Haliburton area.

McMahon says that the staff only asks the young patrons to respect the premises, their peers and the staff. He says that he is ecstatic about the response to The Bridge, both from the surrounding community and from the kids who come to participate.

"We're still in the early stages," says McMahon. "But so far the response has been very positive. In the first 6 weeks we have had 41 different youth visits and we are getting 12 to 20 young people every Friday night."

The Bridge, which operates on Friday evenings from 7 pm to 9:30 pm, in the Adult Education and Training Center (AETC) on Victoria Street in Haliburton, provides a safe haven for teens and young adults, focusing on fair play, respect and mutual understanding.

Business at the old Victoria Street school is booming on this Friday night in January.

Every video game is on, the pool table is occupied and all four gaming units are up and running on big screen televisions. The air hockey game is rocking and Guitar Hero is blasting a signature tune.



Jamie

The puck on the air hockey board keeps flying off the surface, but wherever it lands there's always someone there to quietly pick it up and deliver it back to the rink.

The ages range from 11 to late teens, but it all fits. The kids are all here, doing what kids do best. Enjoying a Friday night in warm and convivial surroundings, playing music and hanging out with some good friends. And doing it all in an atmosphere of deference and esteem.

In one section of the converted classroom several kids are engaged in a game of W1 Golf. The state-of-the-art W1, like the large screen Sony television, was donated to the youth center by just one of many philanthropic Highlands residents who have gladly proffered support on all levels.

The pool table, Air Hockey, Fooz Ball Game, and three other large screen TV's along with the computer gaming stations were all in fact all donated by a community which McMahon says is committed to youth and youth-centered projects.

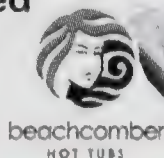
"We're a tight community when it comes to raising money for good causes in this area," smiles McMahon. McMahon grew up in Haliburton and managed to hone his organizational skills back in high school when an understanding mentor allowed he and a few friends to start The Gap in Haliburton. The Gap ran dances, held band nights and in general attempted to provide local youth with a focus and a safe venue to become involved with their peers.

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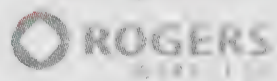
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"In High School we started the Gap and ran it pretty independently," says McMahon. "We were given responsibility and we ran with it. We proved that high school kids could be responsible.

"We had adults who believed in us and let us run with our ideas," says McMahon. "So when I came back here I knew that we had a solid base of support."

"We've been planning this (The Bridge) for four years," says McMahon.

As Executive Director of Youth Unlimited (formerly Youth for Christ) in this area, he runs the satellite office as part of the greater whole. Youth Unlimited is an International Institution with chapters in a great many metropolitan and rural centers across Canada and the USA.

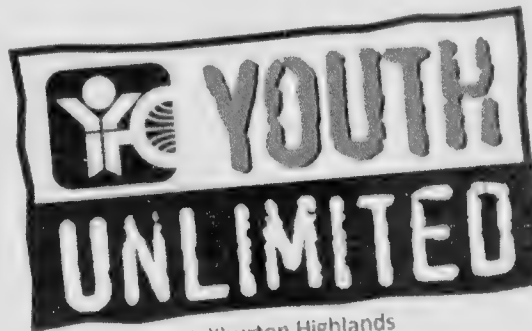
Like a lot of Youth Unlimited workers, McMahon must fundraise his own salary, a facet of his ministry that he gladly combines with his ongoing fundraising for projects and initiatives in the area.

"Our focus when we began here in Haliburton was on a youth center and there was some doubt at first about whether we could make it happen," smile McMahon.

McMahon, however, has always thrived on challenge.

Tell McMahon that something is impossible or a non-starter and the underlying grit in this determined young man surges to the surface.

The Youth Unlimited website provides some insight into his commitment.



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"Jamie McMahon has a passion to connect with teenagers. Together with his wife Dana and son Samuel they re a great team in ministry."

It goes on to relate that McMahon's favorite quote is from a guy named Timothy. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit and in faith..."

Timothy of course was simply reminding us that children are the future and that light doesn't shine from under a bushel. One child forgotten is a legacy lost. And with legacies diminishing at a rather alarming rate these days, we're lucky to have ministries like Youth Unlimited and guys like Jamie McMahon who remind us that young people needn't fall prey to cracks in the floorboards.

Sometimes all it takes is a roll of the sleeve, a little wood, a hammer and some nails.

Oh and a little compassion with the compression can't hurt either.

And of course Timothy's words stand as fair warning to all, and perhaps provide some rare insight into why McMahon is encountering such an altruistic outpouring from people and groups who respect what he and Youth Unlimited are attempting to do here in Haliburton.

"We're a tourism destination, and sometimes in situations like ours, the needs of young people get lost," says McMahon

"What we're attempting to do here is provide the youth with a place to go."

He is constantly amazed by the lack of resistance encountered when he approaches people about youth-centered goals and initiatives.

McMahon says that since moving back here to Haliburton he has had an opportunity to chat with some of the movers and shakers in the area and he allows that they are all very open to suggestions vis-à-vis youth-centered programs in the area.

He says that when he first arrived most of the support and fundraising was managed through church groups. But as the Youth Unlimited program has grown, so too has the support demographic.

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"The word has spread and now we are getting much more support from a wider section of the community."

Indeed Youth Unlimited is actually thinking about hiring another community outreach worker for the area. And that's a testament to McMahon's dogged and determined efforts to provide form and function to youth projects.

"My philosophy in fundraising is that if you don't ask you'll never know," says McMahon.

"It helps that I grew up here and that people know who I am, but the more important factor is that they see us working in the community and they are seeing results."

He says it helps that Youth Unlimited offers a plethora of templates from successful programs run in other centers. The Bridge is a program based on similar programs run out of other areas. McMahon says that the success of the program thus far has encouraged an outflow of support from the community.

But more important than that is the effect it has on the youth involved who are benefiting from having a place to go on Friday nights.

Jamie Russell is 13 and an eighth-grader attending JDH.

She's been attending The Bridge for four weeks and she says she really enjoys the venue.

"If I wasn't here... I'd probably be over at one of my friends either playing games or watching movies," says Russell, who is playing cards on the landing with two of those friends on this night. "It gives us some place to go and to do with our free time," she adds.

Raven McLean is 12 and attends Grade 6 at JDH. She and her sister Katrina McLean (13 in Gr. 8 at JDH) both agree that The Bridge offers a looser atmosphere and allows them to get out of the house on a Friday.

"It gets us away from our parents for a night," smiles Katrina.

They all agree that they like the idea of a place to go on a Friday night.

"It's a lot of fun here," says Raven.

According to McMahon, who interacts seamlessly with every new young person entering the facility, it's all about the fun. McMahon or another volunteer greet each young person with a smile. Once there, the kids are free to play any of the games or just sit and talk.

"Friday's at The Bridge is our connecting point with the youth of the area," says McMahon. "Out of this program we try to respond to the needs of the young people involved."

"Youth Unlimited is a Christian organization, but we are here to offer support and guidance on all levels," he adds.

He has an office in the AETC facility adjacent to the activities classroom and he says that he is open to questions or input from all of the kids involved in the program.

"Even though Youth Unlimited used to be called Youth for Christ, we're not a pushy group that way," says McMahon.

"If they come to us with questions we will answer them, or attempt to get them answers."

He adds that the projects, programs and initiatives are all aimed at providing attraction through interaction.

McMahon says he attempts to blend his knowledge of the area with his educational background and life experience in an effort to bring an effective program of youth involvement here to Haliburton.

After high school McMahon went on to Brock University where he earned a degree Recreation and Leisure Studies. After that he went to Texas and worked for a group called Teen Mania. They ran huge conventions and large concerts. "It's when I was working there that I realized the power and potential of young people and their capacity to bring change," says McMahon.

After that experience in Texas, he moved back to Ontario and eventually returned to school achieving a Masters of Divinity at Theological College. Technically he is a Minister, but McMahon says his parish is Youth Unlimited and area youth form his ad hoc congregation.

Aside from The Bridge, McMahon is also involved in numerous other youth-entitled projects as part of his work in the area.

He spends time volunteering with the Snack Program run through the Health Unit and several days a week he runs The Bridge for the young adults involved with the Continuing Education Program at the Victoria Street School.

Classes end at 1 PM for people attending the AETC program and on those days McMahon opens up the games room from 1 to 3.

He says that there are still many ideas percolating from Steering Committee meetings held by the various area Satellites in Haliburton, Kawartha and Peterborough.

"One of our dreams is to eventually have something mobile... in Calgary they have a youth center set up on a flatbed trailer and I think something like that could work in this area."

He says that would allow Youth Unlimited to take The Bridge on the road to other communities like Wilberforce, Minden and West Guilford.

"We borrow from a lot of Youth Unlimited ideas and one great idea that is working in some other areas includes an after school learn to Cook program," says McMahon.

"Kids would learn to cook a simple meal and at the end of the program they would invite their parents to an evening and prepare a meal for them."

Another idea would involve the local artist's community. "We have a lot of artists in the area who have expressed an interest in becoming involved in providing some time for youth who are interested in design and art," says McMahon.

"I know that there are a lot of people who would be willing to share talent as well. All we have to do is identify the need," says McMahon.

And McMahon has a lot of confidence and belief in the people of Haliburton.

"It's a giving community... It's very gratifying to be able to work with so many nice people with a commitment to youth."

Which dovetails nicely back to Timothy.

"Be thou an example of the believers."

And in Jamie McMahon, the youth of Haliburton have a pretty well-defined perspective on what hard work, a giving spirit and a dogged grip on reality can achieve in one small community.



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An Invitation...

The Minden Hills Festival of Banners is inviting entries for the second year of an exciting project for the village. Students and adults are being encouraged to create designs for banners that will be hung from light standards and hydro poles throughout the village.

Last year's call for entries attracted a large number of high quality entries. The banners were a great addition to the community's colourful summer. "This year we are adding 20 more adult banner locations and increasing the number of elementary school student banners as well," committee chair Deborah Lyons stated.

"A specific number of banner spaces have been set aside for elementary school students. We anticipate that there will be at least three spaces per grade level, (grades three through eight) depending on the

response." The elementary school banners will be on display from the CIBC corner to the Sunnyside Bridge and along the river by the dock. A number of large adult banner spaces are reserved for high school student entries. The remaining banner locations are for the general public, artists and seniors to participate in this project

This year's theme for the banners is: *My Favourite*.....

HOW THE BANNER SELECTION AND PREPARATION TAKES PLACE

Participants are asked to submit designs on card stock 4 1/4 X 10 inches, adult size; and 3 5/8 X 9 1/2 inches for elementary school students. Pre-cut card stock is available from The Storeroom in Minden. The maquettes will be used to select the banners to be completed. These cards will also be used to project the images onto the banner material prior to painting. The size of the banners are: 34 X 80 inches adult; 24 X 58 student size. The designs, which must be original work, must be submitted by February 14, 2008.

A committee will review the submissions and select the banners to be painted. Those chosen will be notified and advised of the time and location of the banner painting.

The banner material, paint, brushes, the location for painting and projection equipment will be provided by the committee. Those individuals who have created the selected designs will be expected to come to the location in Minden to complete their banners. The public will be invited to observe as the banners are being painted.

The designs will be transferred from the maquette to the banner material using a projector. A pencil outline of the design will be made on the banner material to assist the painters in duplicating the original designs. Artists who do not need this assistance should indicate so when they make their submission.

After the painting has been completed, the banners will dry and in the spring they will be mounted on the lamp posts throughout the community. Experienced banner painters will be on hand to provide advice for the artists.

A printed guide will be created which will identify each banner by title and the designer/painter.

The banners will remain on the poles until after Thanksgiving. The elementary school students' banners will be the property of the artists or class and will be returned to them at the school. The banner designs, images of their creation and display will be the property of the Minden Hills Festival of Banners and may be used for publicity purposes or in fund-raising ventures to further the work of the Minden Hills Festival of Banners. The banners completed by adults become the property of the Minden Hills Festival of Banners and may be sold, retained, duplicated or otherwise used to further the efforts of the Minden Hills Festival of Banners.

HOW TO ENTER

To enter the Minden Hills Festival of Banners, simply submit a design on card stock. Each maquette must be attached to an entry form. Please ensure the name, phone number and the title of the work is written on the back of the maquette. Place the entry in an envelope addressed to "Minden Hills Festival of Banners". Submissions can be dropped off at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre or at The Storeroom, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Entry forms are available at the same locations.

The deadline for submissions is February 14, 2008. The creators of the submissions chosen for completion will be notified following the selection process and a time for painting the banners will be arranged.

There is no charge for student (elementary and secondary school) submissions made through the school or home school students 16 years of age or younger.

Each adult entry must be accompanied by an entry form and a \$5 ENTRY FEE. Students are welcome to submit designs outside of the school entries, however, a \$5 entry fee is required for each independent submission. (Cheques should be made out to the Minden Hills Festival of Banners.)

Questions: please contact Deborah Lyons at 286-1424.

The committee gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Municipality of Minden Hills. Sponsors through the community also support the Minden Hills Festival of Banners.

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by Lynne Kilby

As we approach the peak of winter, this year and from now on, we have something pleasant to look forward to, that will help lift winter blah syndrome. With such a big stretch from the Christmas Holidays till Easter, the new statutory holiday, Family Day, celebrated the third Monday of February, will help break things up, giving families a chance to spend valuable time together.

Friday Jan. 25 marks the Kinmount Agricultural Society's Annual General Meeting at Kinmount Community Centre. Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 8:00 p.m. Although the Agricultural Society was unable to reach their goal of having Kinmount Arena open for the holidays work is progressing and they now hope to have the arena up and running in the very near future. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

For those of you with a young family, why not **Create Your Own Special Event** on Jan. 27, the 10th anniversary of **Family Literacy Day**? Created by ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation in 1999, Family Literacy Day is a national initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family. There are many ways to celebrate such as reading books, playing games, surfing the net together or you could attend a **Family Literacy Day Celebration at Kinmount Public Library, Saturday, Jan. 26**, at 10:30 am with local storyteller Liz Gilmour. With her natural flair for storytelling, Liz will present favourite stories and songs to be enjoyed by the whole family. Visit <http://www.abc-canada.org/fld/> for more tips and ideas about celebrating Family Literacy Day.

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New Year's Lesson

Dancing Along the White Trail with Marci Mandel

Earlier this week I was out for a walk and came across two sets of wolf tracks. I pursued the ones that were headed in my direction, and when they veered off trail, jumped up a rock-cut and then returned, I was puzzled so went to have a look. Once up top, I saw snow-covered fox tracks and quickly understood the diversion. I guess the wolf was just as curious as I was. From there, it meandered further down the hill, over to a frozen swamp, circled back up, and trundled on. Even though these tracks were pretty fresh, I knew I'd never catch up with it. Still, I hoped to catch a glimpse of the beautiful, elusive creature so sat down and put myself in neutral.



I had come out on the walk thinking about discipline and wanting to cultivate more of it in my life since I'd already broken my New Year's resolution. Mother Nature it seemed, being a kind and gracious teacher, was obliging me here with a lesson. Dear friend, perhaps you aren't being successful with your attempts at discipline because you don't truly understand it. Here, have another look. It's not what you think it is. Really, it's not. Relax and have another look. Peering around through the trees, I began thinking about the wolf and its behaviour. As I settled down, what had occurred to me was that even though the wolf had been on the hunt, like all disciplined warriors, it remained calm, followed its instincts and quietly persevered.

In case I missed the point there, when I got home, I came across a quote I had written in my journal: Adopt the ways of Nature. Her method is one of patience. Hmm.

I had previously come to realize I needed tutoring in this subject a few months ago when I got a treadmill and tried to acquire instant health. I thought I was being reasonable, actually, by starting with a ten minute walk followed by a twenty minute run, but it didn't take long for my body to start revolting. Achilles tendonitis and plantar fasciitis soon had me hobbling, but because I was determined, I kept at it. Discipline, I had thought, was about choosing a new way and then forcing yourself to stick to it.

Fortunately before I could do any real damage, I had to go in to the city for a few days. While there, I stopped in at a runner's store and sought advice about shoes and orthopaedic inserts thinking poor alignment was the cause of my problem. After hearing this, the guy just snickered and, wanting to confirm his suspicions, asked how long and how often I had been running. After my reply, he just shook his head and kindly began his lecture.

Apparently the best way to begin a running program that best suits the body is to start by alternatively walking one minute and then running one minute. Soon you graduate to walk one: run two, and then walk one: run three, etcetera. Eventually you're where you want to be and your body is comfortable with the stress. At first this was a real nuisance because I had to keep pushing the buttons back and forth, adjusting for the different speeds. But then I came to appreciate the method and saw that it was sustainable and would allow me to thrive. Discipline, I had learned from observing the wolf tracks, wasn't just about perseverance, it was also about patience and awareness.

Something shifted within and one of the things I became aware of was that discipline, like the changing of the seasons, had a certain, undeniable rhythm to it. Here we are in the winter: a time of darkness and hibernation. As we head into spring, and as daylight gradually increases, things will slowly start warming up and moving about. Before long, there will be a quick acceleration in the growth rate and life will abound and multiply. In summer, the high level of energy will become the norm and life will flourish. And in the fall, it will all gradually begin to slow down and then stop again. This too was the way of discipline: difficult at first to get going, becoming increasingly easier with practice, stabilizing and then becoming difficult again. As I tossed a log on the fire, I gasped because I had realized it had built up in this pattern too: kindling, branches, and then logs. Wow, this was the way all things evolved – including gaining patience: have patience gaining patience.

I shall apply this new understanding with compassion, and perhaps in the spring I will be able to rename this column: Running Along the White Trail.

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Library Public Meetings Starting Soon

Just a reminder that Haliburton County Council will be hosting two public meetings to provide information on the rationalization of library facilities within the County of Haliburton. Haliburton County Council at their August 29, 2007-meeting passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Haliburton County Council adopt the June 13, 2007-Haliburton County Public Library Board resolution that calls on the County to provide operational funding for only one library branch in each of the four municipalities effective with the 2009 fiscal year and that those municipalities with multiple branches advise the Library Board in 2008 of their plan to meet this requirement.

The public meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday January 29th at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre
in Wilberforce,
and

Wednesday January 30th in the Auditorium at the Frost Centre
Institute, 20130 Highway 35, Township of Algonquin
Highlands.

An Open House will occur from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. both evenings with formal presentations from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in making a presentation at either public meeting is asked to contact Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. January 25, 2007. To reach Tamara call 286-1333 or email twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca.

All presenters are requested to provide the County with a copy of their presentation at the public meeting.

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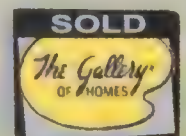
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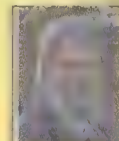
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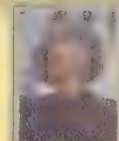
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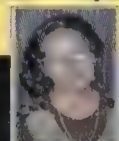
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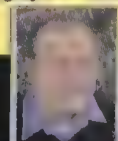
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The show will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for children (tickets for children under two years old are free). Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, please contact Stacey Bennett at 286-4511 or visit our website at www.razzamataz.ca.



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Minden Fringe at Wintergreen: Call for Original Plays

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The winners must use the designated spot to produce the play that was submitted.

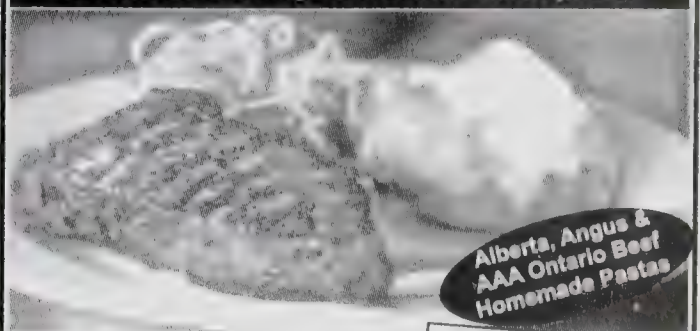
Eight plays will be selected and two per night will be performed on Saturdays, July 5 & 19 and August 2 & 16. The performances will follow a Wintergreen dinner. Performances will receive a percentage of the house.

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by George Farrell

Meet Marc Shroetter -
Owner of The Crowne Gallery in Minden...

Minden's newest art gallery is owned by a man with a sense of humour and that is evident in his recent challenge to the art establishment to "think outside the box" by responding to a call for entries for *Paintings on Velvet*.

When one thinks of paintings on velvet, grotesque images of Elvis come to mind, or if not that, then portraits of old fishermen with cigarettes dangling from a crusty mouths; the ends of the cigarette seen to be "glowing" by that quirky property inherent in velvet that allows such a thing to appear to happen. In fact this quirky property seems to be the sole reason to even look twice at most images on velvet. Of course the fact that inexplicably, and invariably, most velvet artists choose black velvet, only adds to the forced 'effectiveness' of the quirk. To most people who figure that they have an artistic sense, velvet art is seen as 'hokey'. At exhibits where velvet art is on display, usually outside, in bright sun, discerning noses turn up, heads turn aloofly away, and its on



to the next booth, where even, heaven help us, painting on bark is preferable.

But hold on a minute. Marc has a background in many aspects of the arts that a great some locals would die for. He's being dumb like a fox with his concept of inviting 'serious' artists to participate in *Paintings on Velvet*. Here's a bit of history. "My family was originally from Newmarket, and we also lived in Richmond Hill," Marc reveals. "We all moved to the California in 1958. Dad was in the aerospace industry and he worked on the AVRO Arrow. My interest in art started

in high school down there. I won a scholarship to attend the Art Centre College for Design in L.A. It was for the basics of figure drawing. I fell in love with art and decided to be an artist, like my grandfather before me. I graduated from Cal State U. Northridge, in fine art. I learned picture framing, worked in art auction houses and learned the business side of art. I worked with a clientele of top L.A. designers, and I eventually started up my own company, with a partner. We specialized in limited edition printing of serigraphs and etchings. This was in the '80's."

"I worked for galleries in preparing and hanging shows, presentation and conservation. I was also involved with the transportation and shipping of art for corporations, I worked for several major galleries into the early 1990's as an installer, and I eventually ended up working for the L.A. County Museum of Art. I spent every day for 5 years, looking at the art and installing all the major exhibitions-VanGogh, Rembrandt, Matisse, Picasso, and Man Ray. I also worked for the Museum of Contemporary Art in downtown L.A. where I was dealing with curators and conservators. I love handling and looking at beautiful things-sculpture, glass, prints, and coins, and I've met many major California collectors."

So what would a guy with a background like that, living in a hot bed of the arts, be doing in Minden, of all places?

"Our family (Marc, his dad and brother) decided to come back due to the socio-political climate in the States. We saw the writing on the wall, and we just felt like coming back home. Mom had died, and Dad was in his 80's. I was looking after him for several years, and we came back in '06. We chose Minden because of the art scene. I felt this place was like Laguna Beach was in the 50's. Dad passed away in December of '06. He knew something was wrong and he wanted to get back home."

"Since then I got involved with the Minden Hills Cultural Advisory Committee and the Festival of Banners. I really enjoyed meeting people and helping them with how to go about making their banners. A lot of them were first-timers who had never played with paint."

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The Crowne Gallery

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The Gallery

I saw that there was a need for not only a different type of gallery, but also a place for artists who wanted to ship their work. I saw the need for presenting art in a pleasing and aesthetic way, so the viewer could look at the work in a way that was a reflection maybe of the beauty of our surroundings." Marc was referring to the location of the gallery which is right next door to the *Grill on the Gull* and the river, in beautiful downtown Minden. Half of the gallery will feature art supplies. "There's no place readily available for an artist to look for professional material. An artist



would have to go to Barrie, Peterborough or Huntsville. Curry's (the famous art store from Toronto) has a trailer that comes into the county to stock what art classes need (at the school of Fine Arts), but there's nothing for other professionals and students in this area," says Marc.

Marc plans to bring in such supplies as quality brushes, specialty papers, rolled canvas which will enable artists to make canvases of varying sizes, water colours, oils, sculpture materials, and easels. "If there's something that somebody needs specifically I can bring it in," assures Marc.

"I'd like this to be like a 'Café des Artists' type of location, with the Dominion next door, once it opens again. It has the Dead Poets Society performing there, and I'd like to extend that feeling with maybe artists working outside on the river bank."

Marc's outdoor sign is still waiting to be erected, and the interior of the gallery is just now rounding into shape. There is some interesting and colourful contemporary-type work on the walls-strange shapes and bright colours. They are framed and presented very nicely, and Marc shows me one of his own works, which I quite like. On the floor waiting to be hung are several paintings on, you guessed it, black velvet. I cast a suspicious eye. "We'll be open towards the end of February," Marc says, pulling me back from envisioning what someone like local artist John Lennard would do with a black velvet canvas. "But our official grand opening will be in the spring time. I'd like to organize the opening along with the opening of the Dominion Hotel and the official opening of the Goofy Moose. We're thinking of co-ordinating festivities and making it a party atmosphere."

Black Velvet If You Please

But back to velvet. "These type of paintings draw so much on the tourist element," Marc states. "The fun is thinking outside of the box. Working with subject matter on a background of velvet would take the artist out of his, or her usual mode of expression. I talked to John Lennard about it and he kind of laughed and thought that it was funny, and then he saw the value of it. With the theme of Canadiana, I'd love to see a velvet portrait of Neil Young, and I think someone like (textile artist) Jane Selbie could do something really interesting. So basically it's a challenge to the arts community to think outside their own particular boxes." Marc chuckles, "if others can do velvet paintings of natives in Tahiti, why can't we do a lumberjack, Tim Hortons, or back bacon, downtown Toronto, or Algonquin Park?" That Marc Shroetter, he's one funny guy.

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As of January 1, 2007 individuals who are 65 years of age or older can allocate for tax purposes up to a maximum of 50% of the annual income received from a lifetime annuity, registered pension plan, registered retirement savings plan annuity, registered retirement income fund or deferred profit sharing plan annuity. The individual continues to receive the entire amount of income but can allocate up to 50% of the amount to a spouse (common-law partner or same-sex partner), who will include this amount on his or her annual tax return. Unlike income-splitting with Canada Pension Plan benefits, the receiving spouse is not required to be 65 years of age or older to receive an allocation, and the amount allocated can be changed each year for the benefit of the couple.

Individuals under age 65 who receive lifetime annuity payments from a registered pension plan can also allocate up to 50% of the annual income to a spouse. RRIF income however cannot be split while the annuitant is under age 65, unless the individual is receiving RRIF income due to the death of his or her spouse or common-law partner.

I've had the opportunity this week to work through a pension splitting tax calculator for 2007 with a client and they will be saving approximately \$6000.00 in income tax with this new pension splitting rule.

Pension Income Splitting

Introduced on Oct 31, 2006 with final legislation being passed June 2007 a number of technical questions have come up about this change. A couple of the more interesting ones are:

Who claims the \$2,000.00 pension income amount?

Both the recipient and transferee each may potentially claim the \$2,000 pension credit. While the recipient will certainly qualify for the credit, the spouse or partner may not qualify. That's because eligibility for the credit can also depend on the age of the recipient. For example: Jack, age 65, decides to split his RRIF withdrawals with his wife, Jill, who is only 62.

While the RIFF income certainly qualifies in Jack's hands for the pension income credit (and thus permits him to split up to 50% of it with Jill), the allocated amount won't qualify for an additional \$2000 credit in Jill's hands since she is not yet 65 years of age. On the other hand, if Jack were to have a defined benefit pension plan instead of a RRIF and were to begin receiving his monthly pension, the income

would qualify for the pension credit in both Jack's and Jill's hands.

How will pension splitting affect the Old Age Security (OAS) program?

Pension splitting has the ability to affect credits and benefits solely based on one spouse or partner's income such as OAS.

Consequently, transferring pension income from a high-income earner who is subject to the OAS claw-back (\$63511.00 in 2007) to a spouse who is below the OAS threshold can provide an ideal way to preserve otherwise clawed back benefits.

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Paintings on Velvet: Call for Entries

The new Crowne Gallery announces a call for entries by local artists. The Paintings on Velvet exhibition is slated for mid-May/early June. The theme of the exhibition is Canadiana. Paintings can be of local scenes in the Haliburton County region (or within a 200 mile radius, which includes Toronto). Subject matter can range from landscape, traditional Canadiana, animal subjects and portraiture: lumberjacks, local personages, historical figures.

Velvet material only to be used to paint on, colours of fabric are limited to the traditional colours we all grew up with: black, burgundy, green, grey, brown, and dark blue. Size requirements: limited to no larger than 24 inches. Framing must be tasteful and show off the piece to best advantage. Artwork must have been started and completed within the last two years. Submissions will be limited to 3 works per artist, and will be vetted for the show on quality of work and the guidelines stated above. Deadline for submissions: April 20, 2008.

For further information contact Marc Shroetter at shro@sympatico.ca or call 705-286-2518.

The Crowne Gallery is located at 115 Bobcaygeon Rd in Minden, right next to the Dominion Hotel.

Marc Shroetter in the gallery with one of his own works
& Marc overlooking the Gull River, outside the Crowne Gallery in
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A defendant may use the expiry of a limitation period as a defence in a lawsuit. There is also another defence that a defendant may put forward. It is called the doctrine of laches. To have the benefit of this defence, a defendant must prove delay on the part of the plaintiff in launching the lawsuit and either acquiescence by the plaintiff showing acceptance of the defendant's conduct or a situation which has caused the defendant to alter his or her position in reasonable reliance on the plaintiff's acquiescence of the status quo.

In the next column, I will be talking about why there must now always be at least two lawyers in a real estate transaction.

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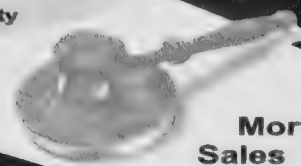
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Introducing ...

by George Farrell

The woman approached the door at 26 York Street, only to find it closed. "I guess he's closed," the woman said. "It's too bad, I wanted to thank him. You know he's a great guy. We lost our hydro during the windstorm and we were without heat. I was looking for a small non-electric heater, and I heard about this place. I told my story to the man who runs it, and he said to hold on and watch the store, because he had just what I needed at home. I waited in the store. He didn't know me, and I guess I could have walked out with anything. After a while he came back with this heater and said I could take it home so see if it did the trick. I was totally amazed that in this day and age someone would do such a thing."

On relating the story to Ted Scholtes, the owner of 26 York Street in Haliburton, he laughs. "She was returning the heater. When she got home the hydro had come back on, and she never needed it." Whether the unidentified woman used the heater or not, the little story says a lot about Ted Scholtes.

Born in Holland, Ted worked for General Motors in Oshawa for 30

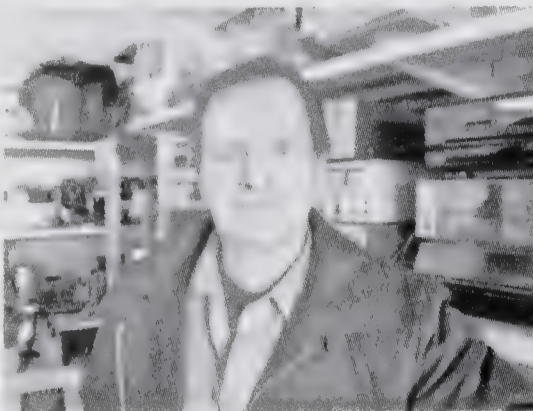
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years. He met Highlander Myra Roberts in Oshawa, when she was visiting there, and they started dating. For a while the two of them lived in Oshawa while they both worked. Ted retired from G.M. in 1990, and they eventually married," Ted relates. "When you do that you go where the woman wants you to go," Myra wanted to move back to Haliburton County, so move they did. Tragically Myra was killed in a car crash over Christmas in 2000, and some of what he must have gone through still shows in Ted's weathered face. He's quick to smile however, and he moves on with his story.

"I was a consultant in the plastics business for a while, and I went back to G.M. in '97 on a management contract. I lasted until May of '98. I'd had enough."

Ted also owns TPS Solatube, The Premier Skylight. "I've been doing that for about 2 and a half years," she states. "That business has been picking up, and I work quite a bit in



the Bobcaygeon area."

Ted also reveals that in recent years he's been involved as a guitar player and musician with such local bands as Northern Jam, Louise and Friends, and the gospel group His Own. Ted has also been volunteering for The 4C's, specifically helping out at the 'Lilly Anne,' which is located in the sustainable building on York Street, opposite his present store.

What's Inside

The Lilly Anne mainly deals with previously owned clothing and small items like books. "I could see that there was a need and potential for used furniture, appliances, and electronics" says Ted warming up, as the talks got on to present-day happenings. "Things that they can't handle over there. The 4C's has had this space at 26 York Street since September. It was storage space where they put their overflow items. They were going to give up the space, but I thought that I'd give it a go here with my idea."

26 York Street is presently festooned with all kind of paraphernalia, most of it looking in very good nick indeed. Lining the walls and taking up most of the floor space in the small store are tv's, amps, stereos, retro turntables, table lamps, desks, small appliances like humidifiers, food processors, toasters, and toaster ovens. You really have to see it in order to fully appreciate everything that Ted has managed to cram in.

The Master Plan

This is not just another used appliance store however. No, Ted Scholtes is working on a higher level than that. "Some of our product is from the land fill sites," he reveals. "We're trying to stop it from going there in the first place. It can be successfully re-used and it's a form of recycling." Other items to be found in the store come from contacts. People are now calling me and asking me to take stuff." Many people have good usable items in their garages and storage spaces that they don't need. They don't want to take these items to the dump and pay a tippage fee, so often they just hold on to them. Now they are getting in touch with Ted.

"I decided I didn't want to be in business to make money so I approached Youth Unlimited who run a drop-in centre for youth at the Victoria Street School, and I asked them if they would like to be the beneficiary of the profits. They liked the idea, and we will be operating something like the

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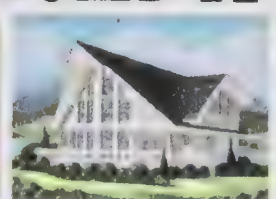
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4C's, but with proceeds going to Youth Unlimited, and we would be under their charitable status umbrella."

Ted goes on to explain additional aspects of his well-conceived master plan. "I have a barn north of West Guilford which is a great storage space for large items like furniture and appliances, because this store is not big enough for large items. This store, in addition to displaying smaller items, will be a place where you can access a photo catalogue of larger items that we will have in the barn. If someone likes something in the catalogue I can take them up and show them the item. Eventually I would like to build a very large warehouse space to use for recycling, where we would sell renovated and refurbished items that people wish to dispose



of. This is an industry in parts of the States, and some people are getting filthy rich from it. If we can do this here and become self-sufficient, it would be great for Youth Unlimited, and maybe other organizations that help disadvantaged people."

Because of Ted's other commitments he finds it hard to keep 26 York Street open as often as he'd like. At the present time he's only open on Fridays and Saturdays. That is likely to change very soon however; maybe because good things happen to good people like Ted. Recently he met Bill and Laura Wilson who approached Ted about the possibility of using some of the space at 26 York Street to open

up their picture framing business. They offered to split the rent. As the Wilsons are planning to be open 6 days a week, starting in February, they can look after things when Ted is away. It's a plan that is mutually beneficial to both businesses. "It just seemed like a good thing to do," says Ted.

As the saying goes, 'what goes around, comes around,' Just like the woman who was looking for the heater, and found it, Bill and Laura Wilson now have found a store in which to open their new business, and Ted Scholtes has people in 26 York Street that can help him realize his plans of donating proceeds to Youth Unlimited.

Don't you just love that type of feel-good story? 26 York Street is presently open 9-5 on Fridays and Saturdays, but will be open 6 days a week starting in February. You can reach Ted Scholtes, and Bill and Laura Wilson at (705) 457-4900.

Pictured: Ted Scholtes inside 26 York Street & Ted Scholtes outside the store

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Minden Community Forum

Guest Speakers Talk About The State of Health Services in Minden

by George Farrell

Wu Wu Wu! No, that's not the sound of a ghost train whistle on the rail trail. Rather it's the sound that many people who attended the most recent Community Forum in Minden were internally making when they realized how fortunate they are in having Dr. Wu as their family physician. As was made abundantly clear during the course of the evenings proceedings on the topic of *Health Services in Minden*, there is no immediate relief in site for the overworked doctor, who will remain the only full-time doctor in Minden. An initial ray of hope that a physician from Haliburton would be coming to ease the load and take on new patients, was later squashed. But more on that shortly.

The guest speakers for the evening were Janice Hardy, Beth Archibald and Jim Mitchell. Janice Hardy, acting CEO of *Haliburton Highlands Health Services* (HHHS) presented an overview which looked at goals, recruitment of doctors, and Highland Crest, amongst other things. Beth Archibald, Executive Director of the *Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team* told the audience about the new health services available to our community. Jim Mitchell, Chair of the *Doctors Recruitment Committee* told of the trials and tribulations of trying to entice doctors and nurses to the Highlands. Jim also presented a 7 minute video, made locally by



Highlands Media Arts, which is being used as a promotional/recruitment tool by his committee. Moderator Jack Brezina, moved proceedings along in his inimitable manner, and introduced the guest speakers to the three-quarters-full assembly at the Minden United Church.

The over-riding messages gleaned by listening to the guest speakers were three-fold. One, the face of health services in all our communities is changing, and the days of the "old fashioned" family doctor might be numbered. Two, as an adjunct, there are a great many health programs and

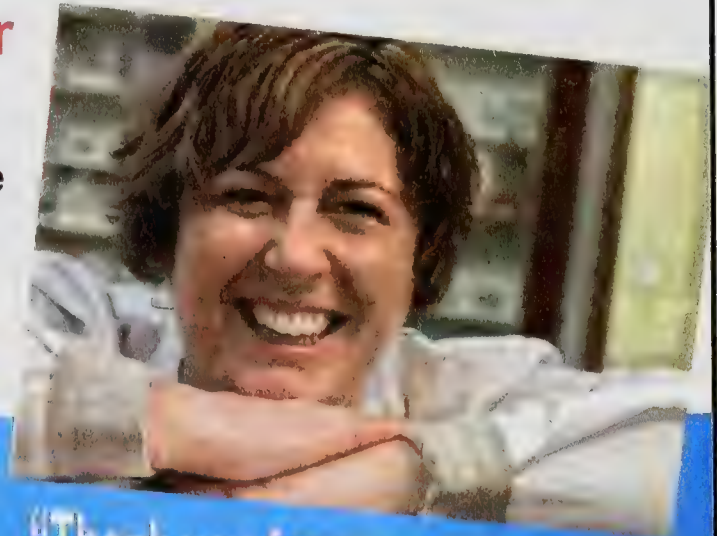
specialists in both hospital facilities which are geared to take pressures off physicians. The inference being that the doctor shortage, while serious, is not quite as bad as many people imagine, once they get used to seeing, for instance, the available pharmacist or a chiropodist, instead of their family doctor. For many people though there's still nothing like the old method of continuation of treatment, where the doctor is like a good old family friend who knows all your quirks and foibles and knows just

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exactly what do to soothe not only your aches and pains, but also your state of mind. The third message seemed to be that there was a lot going on geared to making working conditions better for health professionals; in the hope one supposes, of making our communities more attractive to those much needed additional physicians and nurses.

Janice Hardy, in what was her first talk to the community in her new position, talked about the state of our hospital facilities, including long term care, community mental health, and housing for seniors in Minden. She mentioned that additional funding was coming for housing in Minden, as well as funding for housing in Wilberforce. More money is also apparently coming for staffing for the diabetes program in Minden. She praised the staff at Highlands Crest, and called it first-rate. On the down side she mentioned that there was a rather lengthy waiting list at the facility. Janice went on to talk about supportive housing and clustered care for seniors in their homes. Clustered care will enable health professionals to move around more easily among seniors' living accommodations. The focus for the upcoming year for HHHS is a healthy workplace for staff, nurses and physicians. She mentioned that some of the initiatives for '08 were a strategic plan for a healthy workplace, securing additional nurses, health and safety, staff education, and renovations for both emergency departments.

Most people in the audience, in all probability came to hear the state of Health Services in Minden specifically, and especially about whether there would be any new doctors coming. What they got was the state of the Health Services in Haliburton County, which of course encompasses Minden.

This was made clear with the talk given by Executive Director of the *Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team*, Beth Archibald. For those who don't know what a Family Health Team is, Beth explained it very well in an interview conducted by the Communicator last year. "It's an interdisciplinary team providing primary care. It's not just one type of person providing primary care, but it's any number of disciplines depending on the needs of the community. There's registered dietitians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers, pharmacists and physiotherapists," she explained, "the list goes on."

"As a team, the most appropriate person looks after a patient's needs. For instance, someone who comes in with nutritional deficiencies gets looked after by a dietician. Having an interdisciplinary team makes the care to people broader and deeper." The Family Health Team, now consisting of 9 physicians, is located in Haliburton. The team services all of the county and many people from Minden have as their doctor one of the members of the Family Health Team.

Beth talked about other health services in the county, such as those offered by the Access Centre, the Health Unit, SIRCH, Point In Time, and Community Care. She also talked about the Healthy Living Program in the hospitals. These programs deal with things like weight, cholesterol, blood pressure, diet, smoking, and osteoporosis. She stressed that patients would get anywhere from a half, to a full hours attention from the attending nurse. Beth also went on to describe how our hospitals also offer seniors attention in the areas of memory screening, medication, exercise, and chronic disease management. She mentioned that there was

now a part-time pharmacist to help people with their medication, a mental health worker, dieticians and the Diabetes Education Network, as well as the aforementioned chiropodist. So you see, our health has been broken down into sections. It's not the person any more who gets attended to, rather the emphasis is on the specific problem, injury, disease etc.

People's hopes were buoyed for awhile as Beth Archibald mentioned that Dr. Heyes, head of *The Family Health Team* would be making 2 trips a month to Minden, to look after patients. It came out in the question period later that in fact Dr. Heyes would only look after people that were already his patients and who happened to live in Minden. He would be taking on no new patients here at the present time. In fact there is a healthy waiting list for *Family Health Team* physicians, and Minden-ites were encouraged to get on the waiting list as soon as possible.

After the initial introductions of the evenings speakers, perhaps the person many people in attendance were most eager to hear was Jim Mitchell, because he is, after all, directly involved in trying to bring doctors into the area, and many people in attendance were using the old interpretation of 'doctor'. They were hoping that he would have good news for them in that regard. But unfortunately such was not the case. Jim mentioned that

our county is only one of many areas in the province that is suffering from a lack of physicians, and that we are in competition with other areas that also have a lot to offer doctors. He mentioned that although we have a lot to offer, what we lacked, and some other areas possessed, were jobs for the partners of physicians, many of whom were medical specialists, like obstetricians. If doctors couldn't secure adequate work for their partners, Jim pointed out, they were unlikely to relocate. A physician for instance who had a wife who was an obstetrician would be more likely to re-locate in an area where a lot of babies were being born. He also said that there was up to \$70,000 available to any doctor to relocate to Minden. But he questioned whether we wanted a doctor who would just be coming for the money, and who then might want to opt out after a year or two.

In addition to the doctors recruitment video which was shown, (and is also accessible on line), Jim mentioned that the Recruitment Committee attended many medical conferences aimed at recruitment, as well as subsidizing a University of Toronto residence retreat at the Pinestone. He mentioned too that the signage on the highways urging doctors to 'practice where you play' had been effective in raising awareness, and that they had received several inquiries due to the signs.

But alas, no new doctors for Minden right now. "What would happen if something happened to Dr. Wu," one person asked in the question period. The guest speakers looked at one another, and Beth Archibald picked up the cudgel. "Then it would be a crunch," she said. We'd have to work even harder on recruitment."

Wu Wu Wu !!!

Pictured: Guest speakers Janice Hardy, Jim Mitchell, and Beth Archibald, with Moderator Jack Brezina in background & The audience in attendance at the Minden United Church



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That's the premise behind the Driven to Quit Challenge 2008, which encourages smokers to butt out for the entire month of March to win prizes. By taking up the Challenge, smokers can win a brand-new Toyota Prius hybrid vehicle or one of seven Future Shop gift cards valued at \$3,000.

"While someone will drive away with a car by staying smoke-free for the month of March, everyone who successfully completes the Challenge will be winner," says Dearbhla Lynch, a Health Promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "Kicking your tobacco addiction brings its own rewards, most of all better health."

The local Health Unit encourages smokers in this area to enter the Driven to Quit Challenge. To enter the contest, smokers must register on-line at www.driventoquit.ca by February 29, 2008. Contest entrants must be Ontario residents who are 19 years of age or older. To help them in the quitting process, people who sign up for the contest must find a "non-smoking buddy" to offer them support. Buddies are also eligible to win a \$250 Future Shop gift card.

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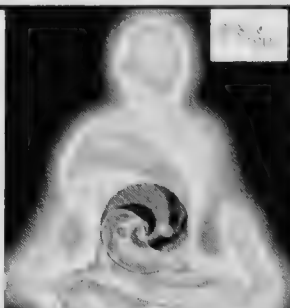
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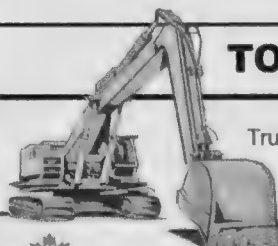
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Well Baby Drop-in Clinic, Thursday, February 14, 10 am to noon,
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with a Family Health Nurse from the Health Unit to see how your
baby is growing and developing. Call (705) 457-1391 for more
information.

Well Baby Drop In - Haliburton

Well Baby Drop-in Clinic, Thursday, February 21, 10 am to noon,
Ontario Early Years Centre (Halco Plaza) in Haliburton Village.
Visit with a Family Health Nurse from the Health Unit to see how
your baby is growing and developing. Call (705) 457-1391 for
more information.

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Food Handler Course, Thursday, February 21, 9 am to 3 pm,
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Nicole Kidman (Tom Cruises ex wife) is scared of butterflies.

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He already gave the door the finger. Can you feel that one??

Matthew Perry (Chandler on sitcom Friends) is missing part of his middle finger on his right hand due to a door-shutting accident.

Great blackmail home videos I bet!

As a teenager, actor-writer Matt Damon, earned extra cash by being a sidewalk break-dancer.

The History of Quilts is The Topic of the Evening - And Everyone is Invited To Attend!!

The History of Quilts will be the topic of the night featuring special guest Sharon Middlehurst – and you are welcome to attend. It's all part of the regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group being held Wednesday, February 13th in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. (Please enter by rear door.) Doors open at 6pm for business and chat. The speaker, HHGG Member Sharon Middlehurst is also a member of the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild. Everyone welcome. No charge. Refreshments available. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

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Chamber Business Focus 2008

The Membership Committee of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce invites business owners to come out for an evening of wine and cheese at Heather Lodge Resort on Hwy #35 in Minden.

This will be an evening to meet and greet the new Board of Directors as well as hear what your Chamber has planned for 2008.

Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to **Charlene** as soon as possible!

What: Chamber Business Focus 2008

Where: Heather Lodge Resort, Hwy #35 North, Minden, ON.

When: Jan. 29th, 2008 - Wine & Cheese - 5:30 pm

Who: All members interested in the future of the Chamber of Commerce.

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There were 7 sams in the last issue. They were hidden in the following ads: Cottage Country Log Cabin, Minden Bait & Tackle, Northwood Inn, Harris Stamps, County Sign & Display, Cordell Carpet, D & K Masonry

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